

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND :
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS :
:
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH :
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL :
SERVICES :

EMS FILE 03-021

vs. :

JOSEPH W. WARZYCHA :

CONSENT ORDER

This matter is before the Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services (hereinafter ("Department")), upon the matters contained in the application for licensure as an Emergency Medical Technician filed by Joseph W. Warzycha (hereinafter "Respondent"). Specifically, information obtained in conjunction with the application filed by respondent indicated that on January 15, 2003, Respondent plead nolo contendere to the crime of involuntary manslaughter. As a result of this offense, Respondent was sentenced to a deferred prison term of five (5) years and fined. Accordingly, it is agreed by the parties as follows:

1. Respondent is an applicant for EMT-Basic licensure in Rhode Island. Respondent's mailing address is 97 Riverview Avenue, Pawtucket, R.I. 02860.
2. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Department and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Department.
3. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of the Department and is subject to final ratification by the Department. This Consent Order and the contents thereof are not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Department.
4. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:

- a) The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Department;
 - b) The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
 - c) The right to cross-examine witnesses;
 - d) The right to have subpoenas issued by the Department;
 - e) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
 - f) Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
 - g) Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Department for consideration and review;
 - h) Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Department to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to adequately review this Consent Order;
 - i) Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order to the Department.
5. This Consent Order shall become a part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties.
6. Acceptance by the Respondent and approval by the Department of this Consent Order constitutes an admission of the facts contained herein.
7. Failure to comply with the Consent Order, once signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.

8. That the Department shall grant the application for licensure filed by Respondent, provided, however, Respondent shall serve at least a twenty-four (24) month period of probation subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Order.
9. That said probationary period shall commence upon execution of the Consent Order and will abate for the duration of any period in which Respondent ceases to be employed and/or performs volunteer services as an Emergency Medical Technician.
10. That during the period of probation, Respondent's employers, including the Chief of the licensed Ambulance Service for which he is employed and/or serves as a volunteer, shall submit to the Department reports every six (6) months relating to Respondent's conduct and performance. That it shall be the responsibility of Respondent to have his employers submit said reports.
11. That during the period of probation should Respondent change employment and/or volunteer service, he shall notify the Department forthwith of said change including the name and address of the new employers and/or licensed ambulance service and the reason for the change in employment.
12. That a copy of this Consent Order shall be forwarded by the Department to Respondent's current employer(s) and/or volunteer service and all future employer(s) and/or volunteer service during the period of probation.
13. That during the period of probation should Respondent fail to comply with the provisions of Chapter 23-4.1 and/or the "Rules and Regulations Relating to Emergency Medical Services", or any of the terms of this Consent Order, the

Department shall initiate appropriate action with respect to Respondent's licensure status.

14. That this Consent Order shall obviate the necessity for a hearing on the matters forming the basis for this Consent Order.
15. That should Respondent comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of emergency medical services during the twenty-four (24) month period of probation and comply with the requirements of this Consent Order, he may apply to the Department for relief from the probation.

Signed this 4th day of SEPTEMBER, 2003.



Joseph W. Warzycha

Ratified as an order of the Department on this 5 day of September, 2003



John Wojcik
Acting Chief
Health Professions Regulation
Health Services Regulation